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2. SECRETARY HAIG AND OTHER SENIOR STATE DEPT OFFICERS MET WITH PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER AGHA SHAHI ON APRIL 20 AND 21. UNDER SECRETARY BUCKLEY ALSO MET SEPARATELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND DELEGATION. SHAHI WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF STAFF TO PRESIDENT ZIA, LT. GEN. ARIF, PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, YAQUB KHAN, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO MET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT ON APRIL 21.

3. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS ON THESE DISCUSSIONS DRAWING, AS APPROPRIATE, ON TALKING POINTS BELOW. FOR NEW DELHI: WE WILL BRIEF THE INDIANS ON THE TALKS HERE. FOR JIDDA: TAILORED TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH THE SAUDIS WILL BE SENT IN SEPTEL.

4. -- FOREIGN MINISTER SHAHI WAS INVITED TO WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BEGUN IN MARCH BY OUR AMBASSADOR IN ISLAMABAD. WE DID NOT FORESEE HIS VISIT AS A DECISION-POINT BUT RATHER AS A CONTINUATION OF OUR

ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN.

-- SECRETARY HAIG UNDERSCORED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO STOP SOVIET EXPANSIONISM. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO RESIST SOVIET AGGRESSION--OVERT OR COVERT. THE AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN REGION IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE PRESIDENT WAS VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE PROBLEMS PAKISTAN FACES AND WAS COMMITTED TO BEING SUPPORTIVE OF PAKISTAN.

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-- THE SECRETARY MADE CLEAR THAT THE US SEEKS TO ESTABLISH STRONGER BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH FRIENDLY STATES IN SOUTHWEST ASIA. PAKISTAN COULD BE ASSURED THAT THERE IS NO US INTENT TO RECONSTITUTE ANY MULTI-LATERAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THE LINES OF CENTO. NOR WAS THERE ANY US INTENT TO SET UP ANY FRAMEWORK WHICH WOULD DETRACT FROM PAKISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY. THE US HAS NO STRINGS OR HIDDEN AGENDA IN MIND, WHETHER RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS OR ANY OTHER AREA. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEK ANY BASES IN

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PAKISTAN. WE BELIEVE THAT A STRONGER PAKISTAN, IN ITSELF, IS IN US INTERESTS.

-- THE US SIDE MADE CLEAR THAT WE RECOGNIZE PAKISTAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND VALUED ITS LINKS TO THE ISLAMIC WORLD. A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IN NO WAY DEROGATE FROM THESE OTHER TIES.

-- FOREIGN MINISTER SHAHI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S CLEAR VIEW OF THE THREATS POSED TO PAKISTAN AND TO THE REGION. PAKISTAN IS UNDER HEAVY SOVIET PRESSURE BUT FULLY INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ITS POSITION ON SOVIET AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN. HE THOUGHT IT PREFERABLE FOR THE US TO CONSTRUCT BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH STATES IN THE REGION RATHER THAN PROMOTE AN OVERALL MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENT.

-- SHAHI INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME US ECONOMIC SUPPORT AND A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM IN FY 82. PAKISTAN ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN MAKING MILITARY PURCHASES IN THE US. THIS WILL BE A SUBJECT OF FURTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE US AND PAKISTAN.

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-- BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED THAT PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS WILL NEED TO BE ADDRESSED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. WE ANTICIPATE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON HOW BEST THE UNITED STATES CAN ASSIST PAKISTAN IN MEETING ITS NEEDS OVER SEVERAL YEARS. WE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PAKISTAN'S OTHER FRIENDS WOULD INCREASE THEIR SUPPORT, RECOGNIZING PAKISTAN'S CRITICAL SITUATION AS A FRONT LINE STATE.

-- WE MADE CLEAR THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND THAT THE EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE COULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN OUR SUPPORT. WE ALSO REITERATED THAT RESUMPTION OF US ASSISTANCE WAS CONTINGENT ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF OUR PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT, WHICH CURRENTLY PROHIBITS AID TO PAKISTAN.

-- SHAHI REPLIED TO THE RECENT ISLAMABAD AND KABUL VISITS

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OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS ON THE AFGHAN ISSUE THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, BUT PAKISTAN HAD NO OPTION BUT TO CONTINUE WITH ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE WERE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN VERY CLOSELY AND CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP UP PUBLIC PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS. WE WANT TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN WITHOUT ADDING TO PAKISTAN'S RISKS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH PAKISTAN ON THE AFGHAN ISSUE.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCED THE PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN. WE BELIEVE  
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THERE IS A COMMON APPRECIATION OF THE THREATS AND A CLEAR CONVERGENCE OF INTERESTS IN DEVELOPING A RELATIONSHIP WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PAKISTAN'S SECURITY. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS OF BUILDING CONFIDENCE, RECOGNIZING THAT ACTIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORDS. HAIG

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